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Rights Commission Accepts Partial Jurisdiction

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United States Civil Rights Commission has decided, after a year of lobbying by the National Gay Task Force, that it does have jurisdiction over anti-gay discrimination in the area of "administration of justice." The Commission, which is a highly-respected study group that makes recommendations to the Congress but has no enforcement powers, made its decision at its August 15 session.

"Administration of justice"—the area in which the Commission, headed by Ford administration holdover Arthur Fleming, agreed that it has jurisdiction—includes the areas of discrimination in the courts, prisons, and law enforcement agencies. While accepting jurisdiction in this area, the Commission ruled, however, that it does not have the jurisdiction in areas of housing and employment discrimination. At a formal presentation before the Commission on August 24, National Gay Task Force representatives attempted to convince the Commission that it did have jurisdiction over anti-gay discrimination in these areas because gay people were a "subgroup" of other groups and because "sexual stereotyping" was at the root of both women's and gay oppression. However the Commission rejected the NGTF reasoning.

The Commission has stated that it has "no present plans" to do any studies of anti-gay discrimination. However, NGTF co-director Jean O'Leary, who was present at a meeting with the Commission in Washington on August 24, told GCN that she was "hopeful that they will do at least one study." The NGTF plans to meet with the five-member Civil Rights Commission in early October.

Jean O'Leary

Possible areas in which the Commission could mount full-scale studies of anti-gay discrimination include police brutality, denial of legal aide funds to gay people, unequal treatment under the sodomy laws, child custody, and discrimination against gay prisoners. Jean O'Leary said that, although NGTF did not persuade the Commission to accept all of its suggestions, she was "extremely pleased" by the Commission decision. In the past the Commission has refused to admit any jurisdiction over anti-gay discrimination, asserting that it was not mandated in this area by the U.S. Congress.

Backs Colleges Prohibiting Gay Groups

Texas Legislature Approves Anti-Gay Statement

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas legislature has passed a statement of intent that encourages state university campuses to attempt to prohibit gay student organizations. The statement, attached as a rider to an appropriations bill, passed both houses of the legislature in May and goes into effect for two years beginning Sept. 1. An earlier attempt at flat outright ban on gay student organizations was defeated on a point of order.

The statement of intent — introduced by Rep. Clay Smothers, a black representative who was a George Wallace delegate to last year's Democratic National Convention — is a result of a controversy over a gay student organization at the Texas A&M University. The gay student organization there is suing the university after the university officials refused to give official recognition to the group.

The legislative statement says, "It is the intent of the legislature that the board of trustees and administrators of state colleges and universities shall use all reasonable, legal means possible to prohibit the use of state universities to foster and promote illegal activities, including homosexual organizations."

John Duncan of the Texas Civil Liberties Union told GCN that the legislature's decision "has no legal weight." "It's simply an attempt to encourage state universities to spend their money fighting expensive lawsuits and to make it more difficult for gay groups by forcing them into the courts."

Duncan said that the rider survived a Senate-House conference committee — usually the death of "redneck" legislation originating in the Texas House — because of a "freaky situation." "Of the people on the five-member conference committee both one House and one Senate member were from College Station, where Texas A&M is. It was an unusual situation and the committee let it through."

A previous rider which called for a cut-off of funds to universities that recognized gay groups was killed on a point of order. Legislative rules prohibit amendments that bring about a change in the substantive law and an outright ban would have done that. After a defeat on the point of order, Rep. Smothers then offered his "statement of intent."

Boston Gay Youths Claim Plainclothes Police Beat Them

By David Brill

BOSTON — A report that asserts that four young gay men were brought to a police station and beaten by plainclothes detectives was under investigation last week at Boston Police District 4. In a formal complaint submitted to police investigators, the youths allege that two men — whom they later discovered to be undercover police officers — severely beat them when they attempted to stop the beating of another gay men at the Arlington Street MBTA station on August 18.

According to the complaint, the plainclothes detectives chased after the youths — the oldest of whom is 17 — after one of them shouted "get the license plate," referring to a car one of the officers was driving. One detective is charged with pistol-whipping the 17-year-old in the parking lot opposite the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, while the other kicked one of the gay men in the groin, saying, "This is for Anita Bryant!"

Two nearby police cruisers came to the scene, and brought all four men to Station 4. Along the way, the gay men claim that the officers threatened to dump them in the Charles River or leave them "in the Blue Hills never to be found again." At the police station, the alleged physical and verbal harassment continued. Police began booking the men (although it is unknown at this time whether they were being held on criminal charges or in "civil custody" as many gay men have reported at District 4), but stopped when they found out the ages of the men. They were then released.

The following day, three of the men discovered that their apartment had been broken into and ransacked.

Rep. Barney Frank, upon learning of the incident, called upon Police Supt. John F. Doyle, head of the Bureau of Investigative Services, to conduct a thorough investigation into the charges. Frank commended the gay men for their willingness to make formal complaints.

Carter Administration: Gay Distance?

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Carter administration appears to be moving away from what it considers too much identification with the gay rights issue. In a column by Jack W. Germond and Jules Witcover, generally considered to be a vehicle for the viewpoint of the Carter administration, the columnists attempt to distance the administration from the granting of tax-deductibility status to a gay organization.

The organization, The Fund for Human Dignity of New York — affiliated with the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) — was granted tax-deductibility status recently by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on the understanding that the group "will not advocate or actively seek to convince individuals that they should or should not be homosexuals." The organization promised to limit itself to disseminating information to the public "in order to foster an understanding and tolerance of homosexual individuals and their social problems."

"That sounds like something that wouldn't bee too much for anyone except perhaps Anita Bryant, but the anti-gay forces see it as part of a dark plot by the Carter administration hatched when the presidential assistant Margaret Costanza met with a group of homosexual leaders at the White House last spring," wrote Germond and Witcover in their syndicated column, published in last Tuesday's *Boston Globe*. "Costanza says the tax-exemption issue did not arise in that meeting — which Jimmy Carter did not manage to drop in on — but that the gay activists already had their application in the works at the IRS and specifically asked the White House to keep hands off," revealed the two columnists.

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LOVE 'YA, LIV

NEW YORK — "I'm a mother, too, and what I want most to save my child from is the Anita Bryants of the world. the people who teach our children intolerance, who teach our children that some people are more normal than others," Swedish actress Liv Ullman told ABC television correspondent Sandy Hill in a network interview. "The only kind of not-normal I know is people who are so afraid of anything different from themselves, that they say that is un-normal. I think those people are un-normal."

In the extensive interview, Ullman strongly backed gay teachers and said of Anita Bryant, "We haven't seen for many, many years someone who discriminates against a group of people in our society becoming a hero. That's why I retch."

ANITA 2nd 'MOST OBNOXIOUS'

CHICAGO, Ill. — Orange juice salesperson Anita Bryant and anti-ERA activist Phyllis Schlafly have placed second and sixth respectively in the *Chicago Daily News* survey of the Ten Most Obnoxious People in America. The survey, in which thousands of votes were cast from Honolulu to Florida, came as a result of columnist Mike Royko's own Ten Most Obnoxious People in America list. Bryant also featured in the number two slot on Royko's own list with the columnist's comment that "If God dislikes gays so much, how come he picked Michelangelo, a known homosexual, to paint the Sistine Chapel ceiling, while assigning Anita to go on TV and push orange juice?" Sportscaster Howard Cosell placed first on both Royko's list and the list of *Daily News* readers.

LOBBYISTS NEEDED

BOSTON — Massachusetts Gay Legislation, faced with the prospect of lobbying over 200 members of the House of Representatives on behalf of H3676, is in need of volunteer lobbyists. The volunteers would give a total five-hour commitment and their task would be to visit legislators and urge their support of the gay rights bills. The bill — an anti-discrimination measure protecting gay people employed in public service jobs — was passed by the Massachusetts Senate and is now before the House. People interested should call Joe Martin at 742-4811 and leave a message.

'SOAP' ALERT

NEW YORK — A media alert has been declared as ABC television prepares to broadcast "Soap," one of itsnewfallfeature shows. One character is a gay man "with funny mannerisms" who dresses up in women's clothes and wants a sex change. The show is scheduled to be aired on Sept. 13 and the National Gay Task force has taken out an ad in *Variety* to urge advertisers and viewers to protest the show.

Ron Gold of the National Gay Task Force assailed the whole show as "rotten and simple-minded" and said that the gay character was "disgusting." Outraged citizens may write Fred Silverman, President of ABC Entertainment, 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York City 10019.

COORS IN SECOND PLACE?

SAN FRANCISCO — The Coors Boycott Committee here claims that soon-to-be-released figures will show Coors beer second in California sales to Anheuser-Busch for the first time. According to the Committee, the San Francisco gay community is partially responsible for the drop in Coors' sales as some 90% of the city's 90 gay bars no longer serve the beer. Some bars here are displaying a bright orange poster that reads, "Florida Orange Juice and Coors Beer: A New Drink Called Bigotry."

It has been reported that the Coors Company — known for its financial support of ultra-right political causes — has funnelled money to Anita Bryant's Save Our Children campaign but these charges have never been documented. The Coors Company strongly denies the charges, but the National Gay Leadership Conference — held in Denver late last month — called for a nationwide boycott of the company.

7TH DAY ADVENTISTS CONDEMN

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rev. Richard Pierson, president of the general conference of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, has strongly condemned homosexuality. "Any perversion that weakens the very basis upon which a Christian nation is built cannot be accepted by the Church," he said. In addition, Mr. Pierson asserted that a gay relationship is "contrary to nature and to God's expressed will and is generally transitory in nature."

The statement was the Church's first formal statement of opposition to the gay rights movement. The statement emphasized that the denomination had the responsibility to oppose any efforts to "promote pride" in behavior that was opposed to what the Church considers biblical standards of morality.

'NAKED CIVIL SERVANT' HERE

NEW YORK — "The Naked Civil Servant," a film biography of the British homosexual Quentin Crisp, which won universal acclaim from critics in Britain and the U.S. when broadcast as a television special, will be distributed as a 16mm film, available for sale or rental to groups and organizations, by Arthur Cantor, Inc.

The film, described by the *Hollywood Reporter* as "a salute to the superb courage of the disenfranchised," is based on the published autobiography of Mr. Crisp, who is portrayed by John Hurt in a performance which won him the British TV Academy Award and critical awards on both sides of the Atlantic. "The Naked Civil Servant" also won the British TV Academy Award for its director, Jack Gold, as well as the Prix Italia and the International Emmy.

Information regarding rental rates and terms for the 90-minute color film can be obtained by writing or calling Arthur Cantor, Inc., 234 W. 44th St., New York City 10036; (212) 391-0450.

PEEP SHOW PUBLIC

SACRAMENTO, CA — An adult "peep show" movie booth separated from view by a curtain is a public place, the California Court of Appeals has ruled. The *Sexual Law Reporter* said that the decision came in the case of *People v. Freeman*, in which the police, without a search warrant, entered the back of the bookstore and pulled back the curtain on the booth, to arrest the defendant for "engaging in lewd or dissolute conduct in a public place."

The defense argued that the booth, because it was partitioned off by a curtain, was not a public place and therefore required a search warrant. However, the court held that the curtain's purpose was to shut out excessive light, not to secure privacy, and that the intrusion did not violate the expectation of privacy. The California Supreme Court denied a hearing of the case.

UPSTATE (NY) GAYS

BINGHAMTON, NY — Gay women and men are forming a new group in the Binghamton, N.Y. area called the Broome County Gay Alliance. The group intends to work on educating area people about gays and to work toward the repeal of anti-gay laws; it does not intend to become a gay social organization. The group is organized with a steering committee of three women and three men, but all actions will be decided by the entire membership. Mark Huck, one of the members of the steering committee, indicated that membership will be open to all but that they hope to maintain a fairly even ratio of men and women.

According to one of the lesbian members of the steering committee, there has not been a gay group of this sort in Broome County before. They hope to be instrumental in the passage of gay legislation in New York. Binghamton is the home of Sen. Warren Anderson (Rep.), majority leader of the New York State Senate. Anderson is reported to have said that there are only 12 homosexuals in the Binghamton area (pop. 250,000); many New York activists feel that he has been at least partially responsible for the lack of action on gay bills in the New York Senate.

The group is less than 2 months old and so far has drawn 20 to 40 people per meeting. Recently meetings have been about half male and half female. The group originally met in "Lenny's," one of the local gay bars, but has since moved to the Unitarian church. Meetings are held every other Sunday. The group's mailing address is: Broome County Gay Alliance, Box F1711, Binghamton, NY 13902.

WRITING THE FCC

NEW YORK — The National Gay Task Force is calling on gay people throughout the country to write the Federal Communications Commission in support of a petition asking that the FCC add gay people to their list of community groups to be "ascertained" by individual broadcast media. NGTF is one of 143 lesbian and gay male organizations who have placed their names on the petition for the change in rulemaking.

If the FCC agrees to the request, gay people would then be included as a "significant element in the community" and radio and television stations would have to consult with gay community "leaders."

Concerned gay people are urged to write in support of the petition to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20554. Expressions of support must be received by Sept. 9 and letters should refer specifically to the number of the gay petition — RM 2937.

N.Y. SPEAKERS BUREAU

NEW YORK — The Metropolitan New York Chapter of the Gay Academic Union has recently organized a Speakers Bureau. They hope to contact schools and colleges within approximately 50 miles of NYC, to send speakers to address classes in psychology, sex education, sociology, literature, and history, among others. The political problems of the gay movement will be discussed when desired, but speakers representing the Union will also discuss the facts and problems of being homosexual, the psychological and sociological implications, the history of gays, literature by and about gays, gay art and other aspects of gayness that are of academic interest. Other groups who could use this service would be student gay organizations in schools and in colleges, and all adult groups who wish to discuss such topics more fully.

GAU New York now has its own phone service; the number to call is (212) 242-7276. Letters may be addressed to Speakers Bureau, G.A.U., Box 480, N.Y., N.Y. 10021.

New York Mayoral Hopefuls Surveyed

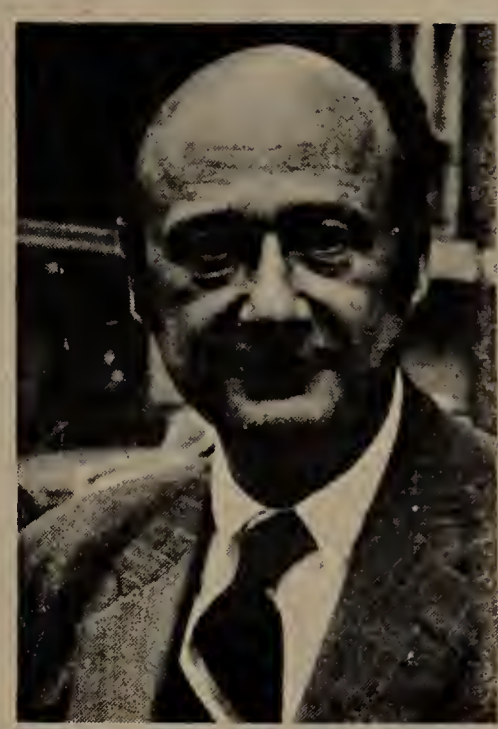
NEW YORK — With the first round of New York City's crucial mayoral primaries coming up on Sept. 8, GCN has attempted to survey all the candidates in an attempt to get their views on the gay issue. We have printed here the views of six of the seven candidates who are vying for the Democratic mayoral nomination (assumed by most observers to be tantamount to election). Of the seven, only four candidates — Abzug, Beame, Badillo and Harnett — had responded to two GCN requests for statements by press time. The views of two others — Mario Cuomo and Rep. Ed Koch — have been stated on other occasions and are included here. GCN was unable to receive any knowledge of the views of one of the Democrats — Percy Sutton — and the two Republicans — Sen. Roy Goodman and Barry Farber. If none of the seven Democrats as expected gets 40% of the vote on Sept. 8, the two candidates with the highest percentages of the vote will then face each other in a run-off primary on Sept. 19. Whatever the result of the Democratic primaries, Mario Cuomo will remain on the November ballot as the Liberal Party's mayoral candidate.

BELLA ABZUG

"I have been involved in the struggle for gay civil rights ever since my early days as a young lawyer in this city . . . From my first term in Congress, I worked to introduce Federal Gay Rights legislation. I have campaigned in gay bars, joined a Gay Activist Alliance picket line, marched in the Christopher Street parade and spoken at Columbus Circle. I fought the so-called Save Our Children campaign in Dade County . . . I believe that civil rights for all is a fundamental guarantee of our Constitution, and I will continue to fight, as I have all my life, for equal rights for gays . . . I will work to pass a gay rights Intro in the City Council . . . Our city *must* take the lead in guaranteeing equal rights to all."

HERMAN BADILLO

"New York has one of the largest gay communities in the world and the contributions of this community to the life of the city have been immense, both economically and culturally . . . As Mayor of New York, I will see to it that the gay community is treated as fairly and honestly as any of the other esteemed communities that make up New York's diverse social fabric. As Mayor, I will do everything that is within the legal power of the office of Mayor to end discrimination both within and without the government. As Mayor, I will appoint a member of the gay community to the office of Assistant to the Mayor to provide liaison between the community and the highest levels of city government."

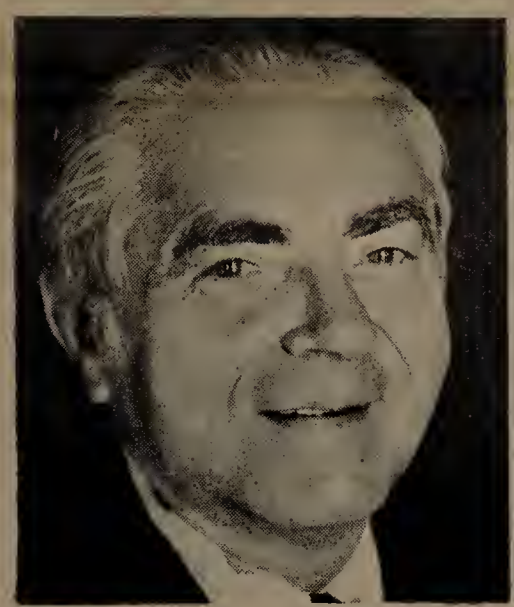


EDWARD KOCH

Koch is a co-sponsor of the national gay rights bill in the US House of Representatives and since Abzug's departure has been the main force behind the bill. He has traditionally been a strong supporter of gay rights but his office never sent GCN a statement of his position.

MARIO CUOMO

Cuomo recently told the *Village Voice*'s Nat Hentoff that "If the law says that gays cannot be prohibited from teaching merely because they're gays, that's a good law. It's constitutionally required. And that is the policy now at the Board of Education. I am all for that kind of law."



ABRAHAM BEAME

"If the city council sends me a gay rights bill, I'll sign it."

PERCY SUTTON

Position unknown. GCN received no response from Sutton's office by press time.

JOEL HARNETT

"I believe in equal rights for all people in New York City, and if the City Council should pass a bill barring discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, I would sign it into law . . . I will not cite support of gay rights in my literature, primarily because I believe I would work hard for the rights of everybody and it is impossible to list every group . . . I want everybody to enjoy the benefits of the lifestyle they prefer in New York . . ."

news commentary

New York Gays Rally to Abzug As Vote Nears

By Kathy Casey

NEW YORK — "An apple a day keeps Anita away!" was the slogan slyly lettered on a homemade poster the day "Bella for Mayor" headquarters opened at 55 Christopher Street this June. Accompanying the prescription for a New York untainted by orange-juice polemics was a photo of a smiling Bella Abzug, centered on a red "Big Apple."

Since that time, hundreds of lesbians and gay men have joined in the effort to help Bella Abzug become New York City's next mayor, and thousands more have registered to vote in the Sept. 8 Democratic primary so they can help Bella win the nomination. The notable degree of mutual support that has been generated between many gay New Yorkers and the former Congress person now seeking the mayoralty has its roots in events and alliances that go back many years, as well as in current political realities.

One of the most important of those realities has been the June 7 defeat of the Dade County referendum, and the ensuing politicization of many gay New Yorkers who haven't, until now, interested themselves in political organization or in the formation of a cohesive voting bloc. To this must be added the continuing failure of Intro 554, the New York gay rights bill, to pass a recalcitrant City Council, and the hope that a determined Abzug might be the one to get it through.

As the summer has passed with the visibility of gay rights as an issue remaining high, office-seekers of every description have had to consider whether identification as a gay rights advocate is a millstone around the neck or a political plus. In a Democratic free-for-all, featuring a field of seven contenders, several are obviously trying hard to offend no one irretrievably as they juggle the unwanted hot potato of an issue they never asked for. Against this backdrop, Abzug seems to have benefited greatly from the fact that many gay observers perceive her to possess an unmatched pair of virtues as a candidate: one, a consistent, outspoken, and unshakable commitment to gay rights; and two, the political savvy to secure passage of a gay rights bill.

Richard Brandys, an openly gay government worker who took a leave of absence from his job in June to become a Field Coordinator in Abzug's campaign, states, "Bella will, immediately upon taking office, issue and *enforce* a mayoral executive order preventing discrimination against gay people in city government . . . . Bella is committed to having a working liaison with gay leaders." Brandys and Joan Nixon, another Field Coordinator, are

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editorial

A Fair Decision

Considerable space in the "straight" press has been given to the trial involving four young men charged in connection with the murder of a gay man on Boston's Fenway. The dispute centers around whether the youngest of the assailants (age 16) should "be behind bars" (as the prosecutor feels) or whether he was correctly referred to the Youth Services Board because of his age and lack of record (as the judge and the *Boston Globe* suggest).

The common wisdom in gay murders is that people who kill gays are sure to get off lightly, while those who victimize society's "heroes" will be punished to the full extent of the law. For example, last summer, 20-year-old Richard Heakin was mauled to death by four members of a Tucson high school football team while leaving a gay bar; the judge, noting the "good character" of the athletic assailants, sentenced them all to three years' probation. But a few months later, Andrew Puopolo, a Harvard football player, was knifed to death in Boston's Combat Zone by three thugs; they were sentenced to life imprisonment without parole.

It is not our province to formulate corrections policy for the Commonwealth. What we are interested in, and this should be obvious, is whether there was any anti-gay bigotry in Boston Juvenile Court Presiding Justice Francis Poitrast's decision not to have the 16-year-old boy tried as an adult (with the other three) for murder. After talking with various knowledgeable persons, we are convinced there was not.

In the confessions offered by the defendants, it was clearly stated that around 9:30 p.m. on March 31, someone suggested walking over to the Fenway to rob "a faggot." The Fenway is a well-known gay cruising area, one which was cited in *Time* magazine last year in their memorable homophobic feature. Ralph Heaney, the 28-year-old murder victim, was carrying a New England Gay Conference registration card in his wallet at the time of the murder. And in preparing the prosecution's case, the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office approached GCN and asked us to place a request for witnesses to the crime on these pages. We complied.

Thus, it was well-known — to the principals in the case if not to the general public — that the victim was gay and that the assailants knew it.

The defendants were charged with armed robbery and murder. If convicted, they all would have received mandatory life sentences, with no possibility of parole. Instead of going through with a lengthy trial, they plea-bargained; the one who stabbed Heaney pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, while two of his confederates (one of whom was 17, but ordered, by the same Judge Poitrast, to be tried as an adult) pleaded guilty to manslaughter. The first man was sentenced to life at Walpole, while the other two were sentenced to 20 years at Concord.

The fourth defendant had no prior record, and the prosecution admitted that he was more than 400 feet away from Heaney at the time of the murder. He was charged with murder because of the "joint enterprise" doctrine in criminal law, which asserts that one person in a group act is as guilty as the others. Had the youth's complicity in the case been more extensive, or if he had any prior record, the judge quite probably would have ordered him to be tried as an adult in Superior Court, where he quite likely would have been given a stiff sentence.

But it is the policy of the courts not to treat record-less juveniles the same way as known adult killers. The fact that the victim was gay had no apparent bearing on the judge's decision, and for that reason, we support the judge's action in this case. That the other three men were given such lengthy sentences is all the more evidence that this murder case was handled without any anti-gay bias.

We do not seek revenge, only justice, and we think that this was accomplished.

Meanwhile, we are more than a little thankful that we live in a "liberal" state like Massachusetts, where people who murder gay citizens are treated no differently than those who murder other people. We are thankful that we are not in a "conservative," or "law-and-order" state like Goldwater's Arizona, where thugs can torture gays to death in the streets, and then be commended by a judge for being good citizens, and told not to do it again.

community voice

classy self-hatred

To the Editor,

As a lesbian I usually have very little interest in gay male culture. But I must protest with shock and disappointment the printing of "John Horne Burns: Martyr or Hack?" in the Aug. 20 edition of GCN. While seemingly a reasoned, researched, piece of literary criticism, it is in actuality nothing more than a vicious attack on someone whom the author doesn't like or agree with.

For time untold straight male critics have attacked and vilified both women's and gay culture and literature. They have refused to consider and understand the context that such culture was created in, or to be appreciated in. This is not to imply that all women's or gay culture is by its very nature "good" — whatever that means. What is necessary, however, is that gay people not fall into the same traps. There is much to criticize in our respective cultures — but it is to be done with sympathy and respect for our own kind. Etherington shows neither in his review of the Burns novels. When he is not quoting straight critics to back up his points he is aping their attitudes and values.

The point here is not whether Burns was or was not a good novelist; it is rather that criticism by and about a gay person should be gay criticism — not a rehash of attitudes and platitudes dragged from the straight world. (It should be noted that the same critics who faulted Burns loved Normal Mailer — known wife stabber and homophobe.)

The Etherington piece is nothing more than classy self hatred. It is shocking that GCN chose to waste space printing it.

Yours,

Nan Joslin

courage of moses

Dear GCN,

I have two minor (but important) corrections in your article about the Denver Conference. Firstly, the conference was called by the Board of Elders *not* of MCC Los Angeles, but of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (which includes 110 churches in eight countries). Secondly, Rev. Troy Perry is *not* a "fundamentalist" (which would be highly inconsistent); rather he considers himself an evangelical (an important distinction).

Lastly, in terms of Rev. Smith's call for a gay ethic, and the "muttered" reply about a Moses in this century: 1) Moses was the one who figured prominently in the Exodus of the Israelites from slavery. He was not (as is often assumed) the author of Leviticus and Deuteronomy (the real authors were the priestly writers of the 7th and 6th centuries B.C). And 2) a "gay ethic" does not mean a gay legal code of morality, a list of "do's" and "don'ts"; rather it means a search for *values* rooted in our experience of life. Whereas we do *not* need gay priestly legislators, we certainly do need to consider gay ethics, and we do need those with the courage of Moses.

Sincerely,

Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson
MCC Detroit

ecumenical blasphemy

Darling Editors:

The current edition (Aug.) of the British magazine, *The Freethinker,* devotes most of its space to comments on the blasphemy conviction of Denis Lemon and *Gay News.* The presiding judge at the trial, Judge Myer Alan Barry King-Hamilton, 72 (his interests off the bench are listed in *Who's Who* as cricket and the RAF), perhaps sensitive to the fact that as a prominent member of the Jewish Community (he's President of the West London Synagogue) was selected to preside over a blasphemy trial in which the defendants were charged with "unlawfully and wickedly" publishing a "blasphemous libel concerning the Christian religion, namely an obscene poem and illustration vilifying Christ in his life and crucifixion." King-Hamilton, who is a partisan of special legal protections for the religious, let go with this zinger during the trial: "Maybe blasphemy laws should be extended to cover sacred beliefs other than those of the Christian Church." A lip-smacking prospect, indeed, for the divinely-inspired. Still, I find something happily ecumenical in a Jewish justice sitting on Her Majesty's Anglican bench, enforcing a Christian blasphemy statute against a homosexual (heretic) publication in an otherwise secular society.

Mitzel

prison plea

Dear GCN:

Hello . . . I am an inmate, but I am still a human being just like you!

Have you ever been in prison and locked 22½ hours in a cell? If you haven't my friend . . . then it is a living hell!

There is nothing looking forward to in prison except a visit from home or your loved one, or meeting the parole board with hopes of going home.

Did you know that mail is like being there with someone, as letters are treasured to an inmate in prison, as it is saying, *I understand and care.*

Yes, I am that inmate . . . thinking maybe that this letter has helped you in some ways to understand us brothers and sisters who are behind prison walls.

Keep up the great work GCN . . . as you are putting out a super cool paper.

I am due to be released this July, but there is so many yet waiting to go home . . . so come on brothers and sisters out there and drop those guys or gals a letter or card, and bring some sunshine into their dark life, as a letter or a card is a smile.

In struggle,
William L. Green #8255

(Ed. Note: For a list of prisoners who would like to corresond with people on the outside, we suggest that you check the classified pages.)

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love ya, Joanie

Dear GCN:

Kudos to Harold Pickett for his letter on Joan Baez in the July 23 issue. I had written a review of her Boston concert for GCN, but somehow in the tango of night schedules and newspaper deadlines, it was never submitted.

Nevertheless, when Boston came home to Joanie this summer, her remarks in support of gays and the Bryant put-downs were met with the same enthusiastic applause as Mr. Pickett describes of her New York home-coming. Indeed, in Boston her song, "The Altarboy and the Thief," about her visit to a gay bar, was received even more warmly than any of the other new numbers.

Joanie tried to end her Boston concert tradionally by having the audience join her in singing "Amazing Grace," to which she asked for the house lights so that she could see their faces. But after "Amazing Grace," the audience was on its feet and no one was budging. From the seventh row, I could see her already in her dressing room backstage. And as the applause, the whistling, the foot stomping shook the rafters of the dilapidated Lowe's Orpheus, I could see her leave the dressing room and descend back down the stairs for the encore.

"Joan Baez was a personality before she was entirely a person," Joan Didion has written, "and, like anyone to whom that happens, she is in a sense the helpless victim of what others have seen in her, written about her, wanted her to be and not to be."

Obviously, she is still very much who we want her to be. But that may be more of a testament to us, to our sense of humanity, to our consciousness. For if Joan Baez is a victim of her followers, at home only on the stage, as Didion suggests, the captivity is mutual. Nearly every song has its message, and the message, be it in support of gay rights, the equality of women, the farm workers union, or non-violence, reminds us of whom she wants us to be: reminds us, as she has written, "that no matter what we're doing, it's not enough."

Love was never "just a four-letter word."

Paul Morse

horrendous insult

Dear GCN,

Elaine Noble's letter in this week's GCN was a horrendous insult to some gay people.

First, she knocks gays who don't live in Boston. Didn't you report last year that almost all her campaign money came from non-Bostonians? This is even more interesting since the Noble-mouthpiece, Linda Lachman, said that gays should "stay out of a race where you aren't registered," in her letter a few weeks ago.

I was personally upset by the way she attacked gay people who, for some reason, are unable to "come out" in public with their real names. Doesn't she know that the VAST MAJORITY of gays are in that position? It seems odd that Rep. Noble, the supposed Patron Saint of Gay Unity ("United We Stand, Divided We Fall," she said in a recent ad) would be so divisive a force.

I don't care about where she stands on redlining (I'm not sure I understand about redlining) or whether her legislative performance meets with the approval of CPPAX or not. I just think it is disgusting the way she would shit on certain gay people, and then try to recoup with her "Gay Unity" song when in front of another audience.

In Good Gay Pride,

Kevin Donovan

tell the truth!

Dear GCN:

I am sick and tired of all this crap about Elaine Noble. Instead of running letter after letter pro and con, why don't you do what a good newspaper should — tell the readers the truth about her, and why she has fallen so much in the last six months.

This is one of the most important issues in the national gay community. You owe a lot more than you are giving.

H.J. Kaiser

did we make a mistake?

Dear GCN:

In an interview with Bertha Harris (taped 11/75 in Boston and printed in *Christopher Street* magazine 7/76) Elaine Noble was asked by Harris: "Why do you think people love you so much? and hate you so much? What inspires the adulation, what inspires the attack?"

Noble: "It's a form of self-hatred — as feminism teaches us — to put someone on a pedestal. I see it as a form of facism — that crazy 'either/or' thinking. I see it as a flood of emotion with no connection to thought. It makes me nervous even to talk about it . . . . On the other hand, my office protects me — somewhat like a shield — if people start coming at me, they'd better think twice; because they're sure as hell going to have the Attorney General's office down on their ass."

In a current interview (7/77) that ran in several suburban newspapers Elaine says: "I have a lot of trouble with gay activists who try to guilt-trip people into doing something when they don't know the consequences."

Elaine, has it ever occurred to you that perhaps the "mystery author" of 8/9 knows the "consequences" of questioning you and doesn't want you or the Attorney General "down on his or her ass."

In the 7/77 interview you were quoted as saying: "You have a lot of bigotry in the gay activists. They think that their priorities come first." Elaine, in 1974 *you* were the highest priority on every gay activist's list here in Boston. Some of us have never asked you for anything before or since. I for one never expected you to be "superhuman" or "absolutely perfect" and we would certainly "allow you to make mistakes."

The gay community has a question for you. Elaine, did *we* make a mistake in 1974?

Sincerely,

Sheri Barden

feminism as final revolution

Dear GCN:

In reference to Greenfox's response to Andrea Dworkin.

I suggest you read *Women Hating* and then tell one if you can ask Dworkin "What is all this bullshit?"

You are sitting on top of *all* your male societal privileges and have the nerve to be offended when a woman questions them. What distresses her and myself so thoroughly is your maleness, your big-shit cock.

Why don't you try spending those "sums you can't afford" on books (I also recommend Brownmiller's *Against Our Will*). Then remember that dykes don't "get along" with faggots once a year. We accept that some reformist political actions require cooperation.

You are a member of the oppressor class and while you're vomiting in the john, watch behind you. Remember feminism is the *final* revolution.

Excuse me while I run to the john and laugh because you think Anita could unite us all.

Patti Bowman

To GCN: I'm surprised you printed Dworkin's response. Thank you for that.

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Rallying Around Abzug

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two of the gay New Yorkers who have been most deeply involved in Abzug's mayoral campaign. Brandys says, "We have been active in city-wide field operations; we have also organized the most cohesive bloc of gay support of any candidate ever, and we have mobilized a couple of hundred gay volunteers who have never been politically involved before."

Playwright and gay activist Martin Duberman reports that mayoral candidate Herman Badillo recently invited him to participate in a press conference that Badillo was offering to hold to state his support for gay rights — *if* a group of gay men and women would appear with him and announce their support of his candidacy. "Bella," Duberman notes, "has never put it on a *quid pro quo* basis." It is Abzug's longstanding, unqualified public support for gay rights that has assured her of the active support of many lesbians and gay men in her present campaign. National Gay Task Force co-director Jean O'Leary says, "She's the best of the bunch. All the candidates except Beame and Sutton have taken a somewhat positive stance. But I really think Bella would be the best. She's definitely a friend." O'Leary has assisted in the Abzug campaign effort by helping with fund-raising, enlisting volunteers, arranging for display of campaign posters in gay bars, and speaking in support of Bella's candidacy "wherever I go."

During the course of the campaign, Abzug has chosen to continue her habit of including a reference to sexual preference in the standard "litany" decrying "discrimination based on race, religion, sex, national origin . . ." which crops up in so many political statements. Her addition to the usual list is included in her talks to all kinds of audiences, at all kinds of gatherings. It drew cheers from many and boos from some at the New York State Women's Meeting held in Albany July 8-10. It drew cheers, too, at a mayoral candidates' forum sponsored by the First Women's Bank on June 14, where it was followed by the revelation that a large number of people in the audience (mostly women) had submitted written questions regarding the candidates' attitudes toward passage of gay civil rights legislation in New York City. Abzug was the only candidate to forcefully respond favorably to this question. On behalf of Mayor Beame, Martin Begun reiterated the usual limp statement that Beame would sign a gay rights bill if one were passed by the City Council. Speaking for Mario Cuomo, Howard Samuels offered, in a voice so muffled that few in the audience could distinguish the words, "Like many issues on which Bella has led, Mario Cuomo has given support on this one."

The candidacy of Ed Koch, also a staunch supporter of gay rights, does not appear to have cut significantly into Abzug's gay support. Gay Teacher's Association co-spokesperson Marc Rubin notes that "Ed Koch has done as much for gays as Bella has," and expressed regret that the two were opposing each other in the mayoral campaign. Yet Rubin believes that "Bella would be a very effective mayor" and "would be successful in applying pressure where it is needed. Meryl Friedman, co-spokesperson of the GTA, also believes that both Abzug and Koch would well represent the interests of gay New Yorkers; but she thinks "Bella could make a difference as mayor . . . she has been a vocal supporter of the gay rights movement and would use her influence to push passage of a gay rights intro." Martin Duberman concedes that "Koch's record is also good" but prefers Abzug on an across-the-board assessment of the candidates. "She's been right on everything for twenty years," he says. For Jean O'Leary Abzug is "a fantastic feminist; she's blazed a trail for women in this country; she's gutsy . . . she's a real humanist."

Many gays feel that a strong support for Abzug could show "gay power" as a voting bloc and strengthen the hand of gays in the future. By rallying around Abzug, notes Richard Brandys, "we can show the establishment politicians that we are a bloc — economically and politically; that it's not only good politics, but a building block for a real, cohesive gay community. It's important for the gay community to show its strength and clout, financially and in the voting booth, by organizing to elect one candidate."

Brandys emphasizes, "From her entrance into politics in 1970, Bella wanted to legitimize the gay community as a political constituency. Just a year after Stonewall, when we had few friends in public life, Bella was there. She has been the most outspoken advocate for our civil rights in New York." The next twenty days will demonstrate just what role New York City's 1977 politically aware constituency will play in determining the Democratic mayoral nominee — and, in effect, New York City's next mayor.

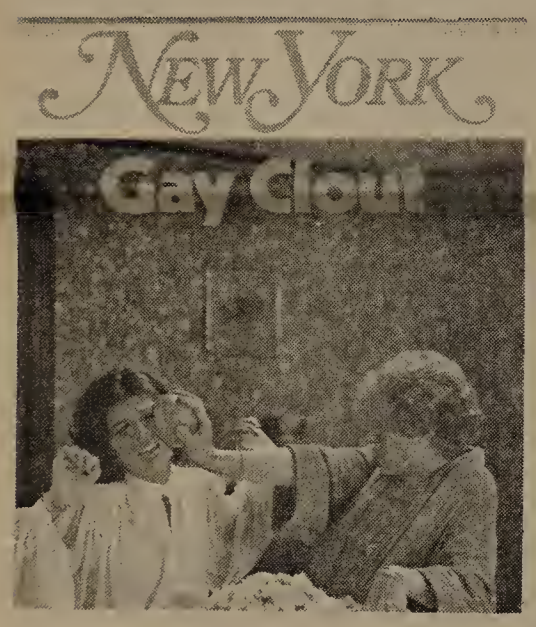
DID YOU SEE?

TIME

The Gay Goons

When Anita Bryant's forces won in Dade County, Fla., downcast gays publicly fretted that violence would soon be coming. Violence seems to be coming, all right, but not from straights. Last month some 100 gay activists converged on a Manhattan gay bar where an ax was suspended from the wall with a wooden plaque beneath it labeled FAIRY SWATTER. The gays demanded that the plaque be axed — or else. It was. The next target was Attorney Adam Walinsky, a former aide to Robert Kennedy. Walinsky had written an article questioning a special law to protect homosexuals. About 50 gays, some wielding baseball bats, hired a bus in Manhattan and headed for Walinsky's home in Scarsdale. When they arrived at 11 p.m., they cut the telephone lines to the house, pelted it with eggs, set off firecrackers, and chanted through bullhorns: "Walinsky, you liar/We'll set your house on fire." They kept at it for an hour, while the police watched uneasily. Asks Walinsky: "Why do people who claim to want human rights go around like a bunch of Storm Troopers trying to intimidate others from expressing their views?"

— *Time Magazine,* Aug. 29, 1977.



— *the cover of* New York *Magazine's "gayest" issue, dated August 29, 1977.*

Another 'Bird Sanctuary' Arrest

CAMBRIDGE — A 41-year-old Boston man was arrested by Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) police last Sunday afternoon, Aug. 21, at the Cambridge "Bird Sanctuary" opposite the Browne & Nichols School in Cambridge. A spokesperson for the MDC police told GCN that the arresting officer entered the area and saw two men engaging in "unnatural acts," but the second man ran away before he could be apprehended.

Rep. Barney Frank last week announced plans to meet with Gov. Michael Dukakis concerning harassment of gay men by MDC police at the Bird Sanctuary and other MDC areas. Joan Tuttle, former lobbyist for the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, whom Dukakis recently named Assistant Secretary of Environmental Affairs (which oversees the MDC), has also expressed an interest in resolving some of the problems.

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Lesbian Mother Survey Results Revealed

CAMBRIDGE, MA — Children of lesbian mothers generally found the break-up of their parents' marriages to be more upsetting than learning of their mothers' homosexuality, a Cambridge social worker has found after a series of interviews with 21 children of 18 lesbian mothers. All the interviews were carried out in the Boston and northern New England areas. After unstructured interviews with the children — ranging in age from 9 to 26 — social worker Karen Gail Lewis delivered a paper on her findings to the sixth forum of the International Federation of Psychoanalytic Societies which concluded last week in West Berlin. Seven hundred twenty psychoanalists took part in the congress, the first such event held in Berlin since 1922.

Lewis emphasized to GCN before her departure for Berlin that her research was "not representative of children of lesbians in general, for only the mother comfortable enough with her lesbianism to allow her children to be involved chose to participate." Most of the mothers contacted Lewis after seeing a notice in GCN. All of the children surveyed had known of their mothers' gayness for at least a year. All of the mothers were living with their lovers, and none of the mothers felt that their marriages broke up because of their lesbianism. There were an equal number of girls and boys involved in the research.

Lewis' survey revealed the following results:

• Communication and emotional difficulties existed prior to the marital breakup, so that when the mother revealed that she was gay, it did not create a problem but exacerbated an already existing emotional situation.

• Most of the children attempted to accept the mothers' gayness emotionally, but without the necessary support to help them cope with early feelings of hurt, anger, and humiliation.

• Younger children (9-13) experienced isolation and differentness from their peers, making acceptance of their mothers' homosexuality more difficult.

• Older children (13-26), although also aware of their differentness, were more concerned about the impact on their own sexuality.

• Older teenage boys were the most likely to react negatively.

• Relationships with fathers either remained as non-involved as they had been before the father left or tended to improve because of concerted efforts by both father and child.

• The lover of the mother often received anger displaced from the mother or father.

• Generally if a lover was not too anxious to be accepted by the child and gave the child space to grow into caring about her, the new family fared better.

• Most children had had therapy but reacted negatively to therapists as unresponsive to their feelings, with the therapist felt to either avoid the gay issue or force the children to "feel" one way or another.

Lewis noted that most of the children, despite their negative experiences with therapists, "had no trouble in talking with me and their siblings," said Lewis. Lewis asserted that "my being open to their feelings without pushing them, allowed them to feel comfortable in sharing these sacred feelings."

500 March on UN to Protest 'Human Rights' Policy

NEW YORK — Approximately 500 lesbians and gay men marched on the United Nations on Saturday, August 20, to "alert the world that gay men and women are still denied basic human rights." The protesters marched from Washington Square Park in Greenwich Village to Dag Hammerskjold Plaza at the UN in a demonnstration organized by the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

At the rally a letter to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim was read. The letter, signed by David Thorstad and Cheryl Adams for the Coalition, noted that "The United Nations itself currently makes no recognition in any of its policy documents of the rights of homosexuals to live their lives free of discrimination and persecution."

Speakers at the rally included representatives from several New York-based gay groups as well as a representative from "L'Association pour les Droits des Gai(e)s' du Quebec" and the Chicago Committee for Gay Rights.

The thrust of most of the addresses centered on what the speakers felt was discrepancy between the Carter administration's expressed stand on human rights abroad and its lack of concern about gay civil rights at home. Such an emphasis on "human rights" brought a great deal of heckling from gay Communist and gay Socialist participants at the rally, who resented the implication that gay people should operate on terms set by the Carter administration.

Committee for Gay Youth Formed

BOSTON — The Committee for Gay Youth — one of whose aims is to revive the dormant Project Lambda — has been formed in Boston. The committee, made up of both adults and teenagers and which grew out of a workshop held during Gay Pride Week, has already been in touch with Deputy Mayor Kathy Kane in an attempt to elicit city assistance in gaining gay youth funding. Boston's Youth Services Commission funded Project Lambda, the gay youth advocacy program, from October 1975 to October 1976 but did not renew the funding this year.

The committee sees itself primarily as a "watchdog" for the needs of the often neglected Boston gay youth. In its statement of intent the committee announced its goals to be as follows:

• Inform both gay and straight communities of the status of gay youth under nineteen;

• Evaluate current and proposed youth services;

• Serve as a liaison between gay youth and the adult communities and their institutions;

• Provide special support to those programs which demonstrate a willingness to work with gay-identified youth.

Committee secretary Peter Roehm concedes that it is doubtful that the City of Boston will re-fund Lambda. But, according to Roehm, Deputy Mayor Kathy Kane has agreed to set up a meeting between the Associated Foundation of Greater Boston with Lambda co-director Rev. Randy Gibson and Rep. Elaine Noble in an attempt to gain private foundation funding for Lambda.

Rev. Randy Gibson of Project Lambda told GCN that he was "encouraged" by the formation of the group. Because of lack of funding, many of the programs connected with Project Lambda have had to be discontinued, and Gibson praised the formation of a group "with a committment to the idea of helping gay youth."

Kevin George, a teenage member of the group, told GCN that "It's about time the adult gay community got involved with us kids. I think we deserve it and the actions of the committee have sort of restored my faith in the adult gay community. I'd think it's important for the commmittee to help to get funding for Project Lambda and to help us to find other alternativies to the Block and to the Esplanade."

Howe, GCN Ad Manager, Resigns

BOSTON, MA — Gregg Howe, GCN's advertising manager, has resigned his position, effective immediately. Howe, who is vacationing in England, has decided to stay there indefinitely. He served as advertising manager for almost a year, succeeding Joe Leo. In the meantime, advertising is being handled by GCN office manager Lester Stockman and ad representative Ken Sjonnesen. The job of advertising manager is now open and those interested should contact GCN (for more information, see page 4).

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Desperate Living: Fishing in Shallow Waters

By Steve Blevins

John Waters' newest film *Desperate Living* promises in its advertising that the life it presents "isn't very pretty." Waters, maker of *Female Trouble* and *Pink Flamingos* and the discoverer of the transvestite star Divine, stated in a GCN interview he made his films to be humorous. He went on to say he often attends criminal trials, like the Manson case, because he finds them entertaining. There's no question violence is an exceptional media draw: blood sells. Waters proved vulgarity could be funny in *Pink Flamingos.* He now presents the carnage of *Desperate Living* for our amusement.

Given that *Ilse, She-Wolf of the Nazis* is one of Waters' favorite trash films, one can sense a perverse nostalgia operating in *Desperate Living.* The busty, brainless blondes of the fifties inhabit the leather-boy patrolled territory of a fractured fairy tale. Into this landscape Waters parades a plethora of characters and issues. As with any hallucination, there are segments of inspired madness, fascinating as case histories at the state hospital. But to extract anything other than the sour aftertaste of a gross joke from *Desperate Living* is fishing in shallow waters.

Peggy Gravel, upper class ex-mental patient in a leg brace, escapes with her four hundred pound black maid after murdering her husband. A fetishistic cycle cop directs them to the fantasyland of Mortville where they move in with a lesbian couple, Muffy and Mole. Mortville is ruled by an obese queen who satisifies her carnal desires with the leather-boys who serve as her lackies, and whose daughter, the Princess Coo-Coo, has the hots for a local nudist camp garbageman. There's potential for some good clean black humor here but Waters doesn't have the finesse to do justice to his own plot. The film resorts to a series of violent punchlines to obtain an impact. It's as though, for Waters, nauseating people is just as valid as leaving them laughing.

The Waters camp (i.e. those critics who have developed Waters' philosophy for him,) find his offensiveness transcends itself. Of Waters' *Female Trouble,* Ken Ross in *The Boston Gay Review* wrote: ". . . he has deepened his poetic vision. The scatological fascination revolves itself into its basic form, the fascination with death, the savoring of the death-turd in Divine's mouth." Though it is seductive to interpret Waters' work scatologically, any interpretation at all involves more forethought than Waters confesses to have had in the making of *Desperate Living.* Though it does indeed involve death and violence, and like *Pink Flamingos,* hands its audience lots of shit, the mind involved here is more disturbed than ingenious.

Desperate Living incorporates the themes of lesbianism, race, transsexualism, cannibalism, and S&M *cosmetically* to make itself more interesting than it is. A celluloid hybrid of *The National Tattler* and *Midnight,* it's an exercise in exhibitionism where one must share the author/director's peculiar obsessions.

John Waters

The plot is a routine fairy-tale satire wherein all action leads to the commission of cinematically exploited violence, like *Straw Dogs* or *Taxi Driver* done for laughs. Of course, it's phony violence: Muffy winces coquettishly at the fork with which Mole stabs her through the hand. But to expect any reasonably intelligent audience to interpret one woman shooting another with a revolver up the ass as mere *comic device* is to ask us, especially women, to ignore many hard-learned lessons. Waters found his use of lesbians as *Desperate Living's* central characters not to be questioned, "All my lesbian friends like it." As an inversion of men-dressed-as-women schtick, the theme of women pictured satirically as violent and oppressive creatures has potential: one scene, a lesbian bar's version of "The Anvil," a men's orgy-bar, succeeds on those terms. Ultimately, however, Waters understands the motivations of his characters even less than does the audience. They're like the dead babies in a sophomoric joke: not desperate, but dead.

It's good to question where and when societal inhibitions restrict an appreciation of something, which, though violent and/or sexist, may be of artistic merit. Waters avoids the issue of artistic merit by contending bad taste is good art: those who don't sufficiently appreciate his humor are the uptight victims of "good taste." In effect, offending people is Waters' business, and the more audiences and critics decry his "bad taste," the more artistry he claims. He took gleeful pleasure in describing his disagreements with a Baltimore censor, not out of a sense of the destructive qualities of censorship, but because he felt it concrete evidence of the stupidity of those who find his work, for reasons of their own, obscene. The more you call him bad, the better he likes it.

The problem is, he's not even good at being bad. He's a novelist who can't finish a sentence. He introduces each idea for the purpose of filming its decapitation — a gun firing into an asshole, a transsexual cutting off her/his prosthesis, a four hundred pound woman making love (to another woman). Things leading up to the inevitable gross-out exclamation points are humorless, flat, and without direction. Waters' only talent as a director seems to be that he is able to elicit laughter for scenes that under other circumstances would only be appreciated by the kind of people who follow ambulances.

If Waters had been more articulate about his work, perhaps the release of such a violently misogynist film could be defended on the basis of theory, or at least the presence of a satiric wit. Waters' work is characteristic of the stereotypically destructive humor ascribed to homosexuals, and like the pierced nipple or the limp wrist, it doesn't belong to all of us, only some. Waters' spitefully lifeless vision is the kind of nightmare one is profoundly grateful to wake from, a film from which one escapes, energies drained. I'm reminded that Roman Polanski sold *Life Magazine* the rights to photograph his home after Manson's visit, a transaction no doubt as lucrative as it was reptilian. Waters operates on the same economic level: the marketing of atrocities. It's a situation in which the voice of many other people in cinema, and particularly in the gay and women's movements, must be ignored to be entertained. *Desperate Living* is the screen test for a "snuff" film. To excuse it for reasons of art is to disguise one more instance of the oppression of women through media.

By Tom Hurley

Down Haviland Street, about a block from the corner of Mass. Ave. and Boylston Street, fronting a children's playground, stands the red door of the Fenway Community Health Clinic. A neighborhood clinic, Fenway is also the home of the Gay Health Collective of Boston. Recently I stepped through that door not, as has been too often the case, to be diagnosed and cured, but to interview Collective coordinator Ron Vachon.

Once inside the door, you step down a flight of stairs, walk past a rack of community newspapers and journals (GCN and other gay mags are prominently displayed), and enter the basement level clinic. While far from shabby, the waiting room is also far from an interior decorator's dream: old theatre seats line one wall, comfortable but aging couches stretch along the others. Rather incongruously in this very urban neighborhood, a woodsy mural extends over two walls; perhaps it's meant to be therapeutic. Mercifully unlike most places where gay people congregate, the music emanating from a large old-fashioned radio tends away from the intensity of disco rhythms and toward Mozart and Brahms. Behind the receptionist's desk and the three examining rooms is an office and, behind that, a small lab. The examining rooms and labs are clean, well-lighted places, equipped with the up-to-date tools of the trade, as medically efficient as the waiting room is funky.

At a small desk in the office sits Ron Vachon, tall, bearded, casually dressed. A Physician's Assistant ("someone trained to do what a physician does under the supervision of a physician," is the way he describes it), Vachon has been with Fenway and the Gay Health Collective for the last year. He explained the Collective's history, function, and goals.

Shortly after it opened in 1973, Fenway set aside one night a week to serve the health needs of gay people in the Boston area. Since April, 1974 this Wednesday night program has been staffed by Collective members — nurses, doctors, medical students, and others who banded together to work with gay patients and do medical research of interest to the gay community. Their number has grown from eight to forty and, last September, the Collective expanded its services to a second gay health night on Monday. Now Wednesday is a walk-in night while Monday is reserved for appointments.

For the most part, the Gay Health Collective sees male patients. There is a women's health night on every second Monday, but lesbians, Vachon explains, tend to go to women-staffed health services like the Cambridge Women's Community Health Service. The Collective would like to staff a second lesbian health night, but there are not enough women volunteers.

Like the community clinic where it is located, the Collective takes care of all sorts of common health problems. "As far as I know, we're the only gay clinic that offers general health care," says Vachon. Even if the Collective limited its work to VD treatment, it would still be one of the very few *gay*-operated

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health services in the United States; besides Boston, only Los Angeles, Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C. offer such services.

Most of the Collective's work, however, is "STD" related. The acronym means "sexually transmissible disease," a term interchangeable with "venereal disease" but used, says Vachon, "because it's nicer." On Wednesday night most patients come in with symptoms of syphilis, gonorrhea, crabs, or one of the several other natural shocks sexually active flesh is heir to. On Monday nights, people come in for more varied reasons: high blood pressure, a general physical, as well as anal warts or scabies. On both nights about ten percent come in for the highly recommended three-month asymptomatic VD check. Because one needs an appointment on Monday, fewer people are seen then — about fifteen between 6:30 and 8:30 as compared with twenty-five in the same period on Wednesday night.

While more and more gay people avail themselves of the two evening programs, a large number also come in during the day. People whose schedules permit only daytime visits, as well as people who feel uncomfortable coming in on a "gay" night, can be treated weekdays by a gay or sympathetic non-gay health provider. Forty to fifty percent of daytime patients, Vachon estimates, are gay. "A lot of people who come here [during the day] are freaked out about coming here, but they are also coming to the Fenway Community Health Service. The name 'Gay Health Collective' doesn't have to be used," Vachon explained, adding, "I think most of the people feel better after they've left and after they see the person they're talking to is gay."

The person they're talking to is also more than likely unimpressed with the mystique surrounding the medical professions. Each health provider makes an effort to explain to the patient exactly what is wrong and what can be done. "People who come here participate in their health care. We always talk very carefully about what is being done and why," says Vachon. Patients may be seen by nurses or medical students; a physician is always present to help out. When a problem eludes the staff or requires a specialist, the Collective has a list of sympathetic physicians for referral.

Fees are relatively low. While public clinics like Boston City Hospital and New England Medical Center treat venereal diseases for free, other VD clinics charge between ten and twenty dollars for a first visit. A similar test at Fenway costs five dollars plus lab costs (two dollars for a culture, two dollars for a blood test). Public clinics, furthermore, treat only VD at such rates. For other health problems, the Collective's service is markedly cheaper than similar clinics and private physicians, says Vachon. Other neighborhood clinics might charge fifteen dollars for a routine office visit; the Collective charges ten. Where a private physician might charge anywhere from twenty to forty dollars for a gynecological exam, the Collective charges fifteen.

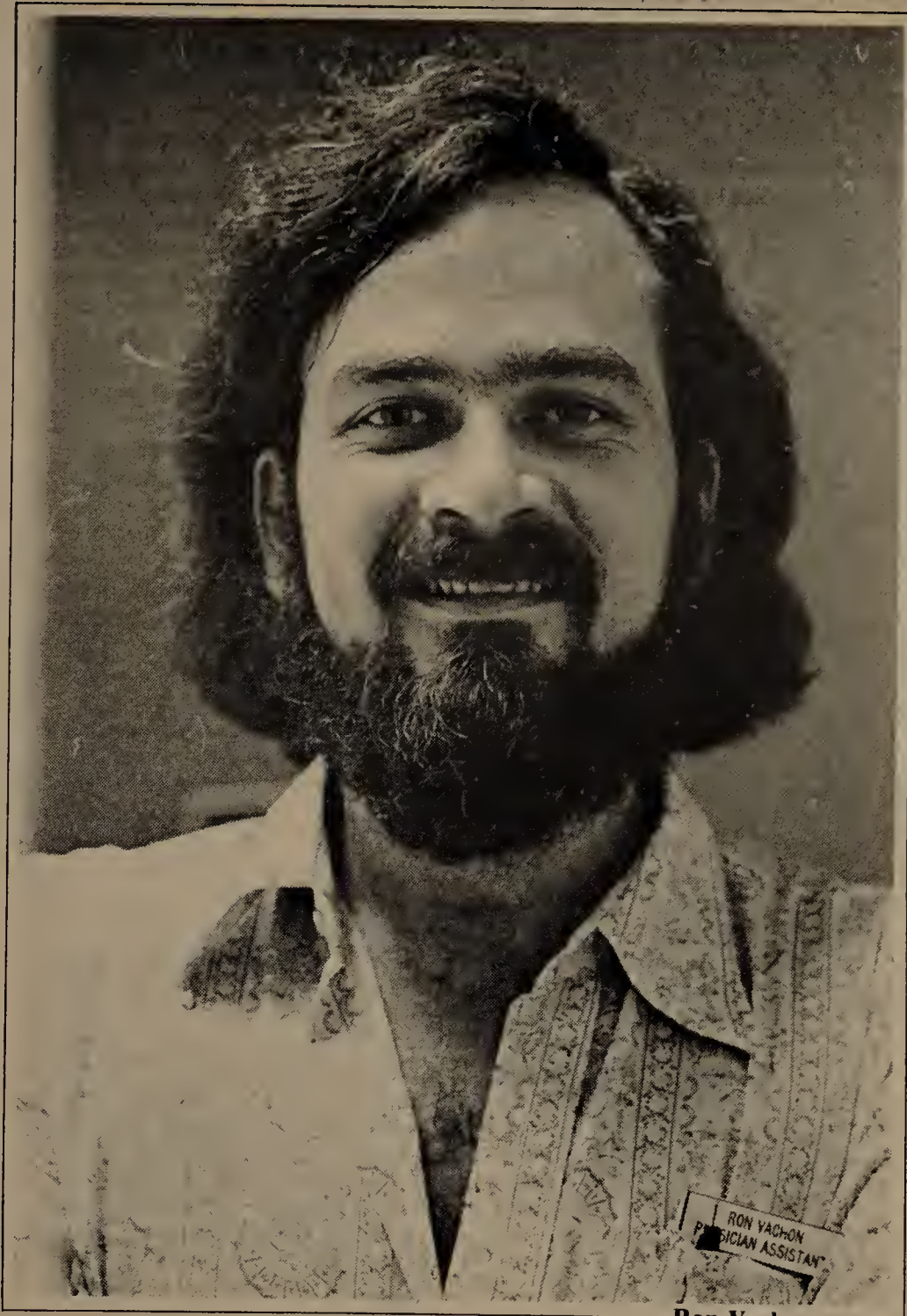
For most gay people, however, the paramount attraction of the Gay Health Collective is treatment by a gay medical professional. Vachon isn't sure how many people prefer gay doctors, but he kn ws that non-gay physicians frequently treat gay patients in less than understanding ways, or worse, fail to give them proper medical attention. "People come here because they think they'll be treated as human beings rather than as some sexual oddity, or like crap. We've had so many people come in and say their doctor did this or their doctor did that." Gay men seeing a straight physician, for example, frequently have to remind the doctor to do an anal culture for gonorrhea. While identifying oneself as gay does not always affect a physician's behavior, it often causes problems: anything from a sudden coldness in a doctor's manner to outright hostility. Once, while living in Maine, I visited a public health clinic for a VD check. When I told the doctor I was gay, he looked away, muttered "Oh Jesus," and then wrote "GAY" in big letters on my card. My experience was mild; it is, unfortunately, rather common.

Like Vachon, several other Collective members are also on the staff of Fenway. Doctor Carol Ribner, in fact, is the director of Fenway. Even if a patient is not being seen by a gay health provider, he or she can be assured of talking with someone sympathetic and aware of a gay person's health needs.

But how necessary is it to have a gay physician for non-STD problems? Says Vachon, "Maybe it's not strictly necessary to have a gay doctor for all problems, but obviously people care." One important function of gay health providers, argues Vachon, is to reassure gay people that they are not more prone to sickness than straights. While sexually active people tend to be more susceptible to sexually transmissible diseases, the connection between sexual activity and disease needs qualification. A gay health provider is likely to be more conscientious about reducing paranoia and allaying unnecessary fears. The goal is sensible health awareness, not hypochondria; the enhancement of sexual life rather than its limitation.

Fenway's facilities are adequate for almost any medical problem encountered by a general clinic. The Collective is looking, however, for the money to install equipment for cryosurgery, a treatment that uses liquid nitrogen to freeze venereal warts. Vachon and his colleagues regard this procedure as superior to chemical or surgical treatment.

The Collective can always use more money; it appreciates the 1270's donation of half its Tuesday evening profits. But the big goal now is to enlarge its staff. Since the Dade County referendum, more non-professional people have volunteered, but to increase — or maintain — its services, the Collective needs to attract more medical professionals. It's not that people haven't volunteered, but that there are limits to the time a person can give. As Vachon explains, "A good percentage of our medical providers are nurses and medical students and, as they get more advanced in studies, their time is more limited. Nurses, for example, often don't have jobs that stick to one schedule. It's not a question of people not wanting to help but of people moving on."



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Ron Vachon

Doubling the staff made possible the Monday night program last September, but the need continues. Vachon explained that the Collective is as interested in nurses as physicians. "Nurses are used here as medical providers. They're trained to interview, diagnose, treat with a physician." For the evening programs the Collective would like to be assured of having at least two staff persons in addition to an MD. At the same time, the Collective would like to have more MDs. Many people, after all, do expect to be treated by a physician; the Monday night sessions were inaugurated specifically to meet that need. And while one cannot request a specific health provider on Wednesday night, one can schedule a follow-up meeting with a particular person, including a physician, at another time during the week. But a larger pool of volunteers would take the burden off the handful of doctors and others who now do most of the Monday and Wednesday work. A related need is to increase the number of specialists and general practitioners to whom the Collective can refer patients for sympathetic care; one specific need is for a urologist.

In spite of its staffing problem, the Collective is trying to figure out more ways of serving the gay community or at least assessing its needs. Vachon is now working on a questionnaire which will determine the kinds of health care gay people are looking for. As Vachon says, the Collective wants to get "a sense of what people want, what they're getting now. Would the Boston gay community support a service more extensive than it is now? How important is it that the providers be gay?"

As of August 6, the Gay Health Collective has begun a new community service. Called the Boston Gay Health Project and co-sponsored by the Club and Regency Baths and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the new program has expanded the service previously provided by nurse-epidemiologist Lisa Davis. The Project visits the Club Baths three times a month and the Regency once a month to test for both syphilis and gonorrhea.

Admittedly, not everyone is attracted by the informality of the Gay Health Collective. For some people, only the white-coated physician seated behind the oak desk, degrees prominently displayed on the wall, will serve. But others find the Gay Health Collective's style an asset. Its combination of unpretentiousness and professionalism suggest the quality of health care it provides: down to earth, thorough, and reliable, and with the bonus of low costs. If you're gay and don't like doctors, here is one place to take your body when it ails you.

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How I Survived the 'Rookie Syndrome'

By Ellen B. Davis

A phenomenon that has gone untouched in almost every printed, spoken or filmed account of coming of age as a lesbian, is what I refer to as the "Rookie Syndrome." I believe that the situation as it exists now is much healthier than it was back in my rookie period.

My sexual peeking out of the closet occurred when a sweet-sixteen-year-old novice decided to seduce her way out of her closet and into mine. A very cozy experience! The two of us spent a terribly steamy summer down a southern country road making love like two pornographic film stars! On the surface we were little more than one nubile adolescent and one young woman who should have known better, and there we were spending the summer working with a day camp program. She was a student at an exclusive girls' school in the town where I was a VISTA (Volunteer in Service to America). I had organized the day camp as one of my projects and she had volunteered part of her vacation to teach arts and crafts. We exercised a discretion during working hours that made our lesbianism as obvious as a fetish for smelling kitty litter! By day we were two co-workers with never so much as a knowing glance. By night we were *consumed* by passions of the flesh. And that was all it ever was those few summer months. There was never any talk of love or any kind of inquisitive dialogue about what we were doing. It was sex with almost no meaning.

At the end of the summer I went to college and she went back to school. Several months later I wrote her a pleasant little letter informing her of how and what I was doing and inquired about old friends, school and her other activities. Did I get back an equally cordial response? The letter she wrote was so rabid that I am sure several postal employees from Virginia to my door in New England had to be treated for rabies! All I can remember was the part that went, "When I think of what we did I get sick to my stomach! I think of killing myself — it makes me so sick!" That wasn't a nice letter to get. It is not a good idea to write a letter like that when the other person is seven hundred miles away and panic-stricken by the thought of a suicide that could have been lesbian-induced, when you're the other lesbian.

I was not at all prepared to deal with this on any kind of level. My exposure to a gay community was limited to a suburban gay bar in the middle of a shopping center in Greensboro, North Carolina. Another "VISTA" and I would sneak (75 miles one way) down there once a week to check out "the scene" both of us mostly wondering if "we were or weren't." (He didn't make up his mind until last year.) It took me several forays there before I was even able to get out of the car. But my memories are of the men groping each other and almost getting beaten up by the lover of a very attractive blonde woman that I was simply admiring from afar. The women either looked like nice girls I went to school with or the kind of "mannish" women I imagined chased my Aunt Phyllis down a street in Greenwich Village in 1957 . . . as the story goes. That was gay to me — nothing more — and I was not equipped to handle this trauma.

I walked around for a few days not knowing what to do — never mind how I was feeling. I figured I was a homosexual when I was "doing it," but what was I when I *wasn't* "doing it"? I realized finally that I had to talk to someone, and chose my psychology professor (who else?). She uncomfortably suggested that I not write back, and leave the troubled girl to the pain in her soul.

The issue of my own homosexuality lay dormant for a year or so because I just wasn't "doing it" until one day I decided that I was a lesbian whether I was "doing it," drinking lemonade or looking at the sky.

Hey, I'm gay! I'm out! I want to know everything! Help, I'm scared of women, I can't go to that women's bar! Okay, I'll be gay and *not* a lesbian . . . but a faggot won't want me. One brief encounter with love via a pre-operative transexual, one touchy, feely affair with a heavy duty dyke (already living with a lover) and one drunken year later I was just beginning to manage eye contact with gay women.

I should mention, at this point, that I did not have any trouble "coming-out," being gay, telling my mother or feeling happy for the first time in my life. From the moment I identified myself as gay to myself, I began to experience a wholeness as a human being. But the trouble was still women — lesbian women. What the hell was I? I really liked looking at women; I wanted to touch them and be with them, but there was no way I could pull it off.

Well, I was feeling good one night, and sitting out in front of that "women's bar" talking to a few women (yes, a year later I progressed to the point of *talking* to "them") when some stoned or drunk woman I barely knew came staggering over to me. She started coming on to me about dancing and made some rather bizarre requests, and I was sweating but trying to be "cool." But she didn't stop and finally I had to be rude before she would leave me alone. Inside she was on it again and would let up. We danced. Then she wanted to kiss me. ME — kissing with a real lesbian?!? No way, that I couldn't do! A baby dyke fresh out of the minor league — I found this out about her later, shortly after I stopped being scared and looked at her hazel eyes and her long blonde hair. Me and the rook got to know each other and lived happily ever after for two years.

That's just the preface — a very simple beginning to the *real* story. Through illustrations of my experiences of the past year of pain and torture at the hands not of an S & M enthusiast, but of the ROOKIE, one of a new breed of lesbians!

My second encounter with one of these rookies came about late last year. Rookies always have close faggot friends who talk your ear off for weeks prior to your meeting this "wonderful, beautiful, intelligent" woman who is just "coming-out."' Do you remember the warning signal that went off when in a heterosexual situation, a Jewish-mother type would set you up the same way?? Well, again, flip the switch, but *this* time program it for faggots! I am

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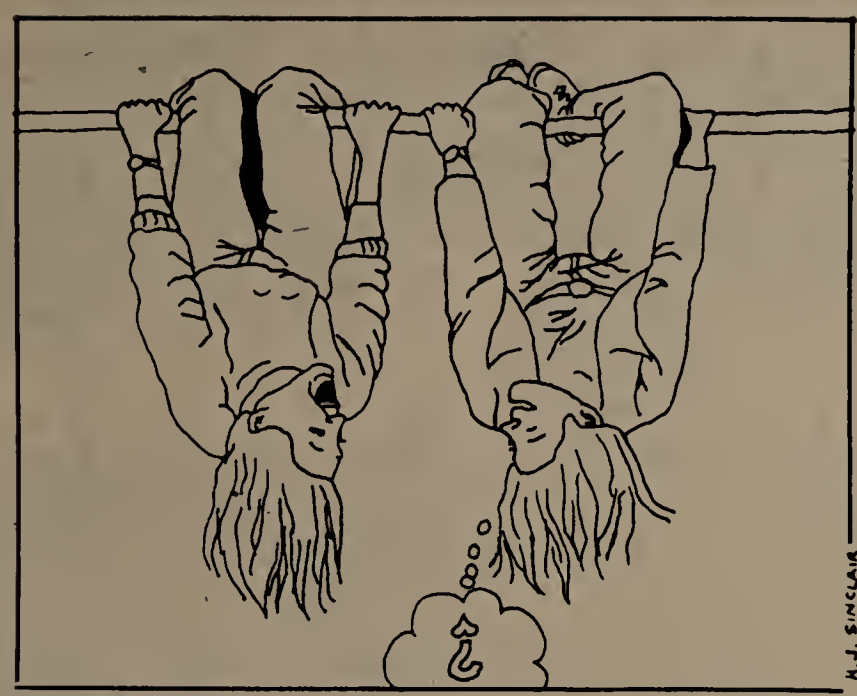
fully cognizant of the fact that we all have to start somewhere and I'm sensitive to the needs of the newly arrived... but why *me?* Why am *I* always the target? Being the open-minded person I am, I consented to an introduction. That "very wonderful, intelligent" woman was fully unimpressed and following a superficial hello, she continued emptying ashtrays. Okay, that's fine with me, but did it end there?! At the *next* party the lover of the faggot of the last episode once again tried the same routine on me, only this time the tactic he employed was to engage me-her in a topic that interests me. Once the dialogue began moving along, so did the faggot.

Please, don't think me a "rooksist" but they're all the same! They don't understand being friends, they immediately want to go to bed. Their idea of friendship or courting lasts for about three dates — if they are slow! I am not a cheap date or a loose woman! Nor do I want to get "married" but rookies don't understand autonomy. Once they have consummated their lust, they are ready to move you and your dog to the suburbs! Even if you are honest with them from the start they still can't imagine lesbianism. They can't begin to grasp the rudiments — that unlike heterosexuality — lesbians are capable of forming different bonds of loving each other which do not necessarily include being "in love." You must also be extremely careful not to push your political viewpoints on them, though, because you can easily create a raving radical who doesn't know what she's saying.

Now, you'd think that following my own guidelines I'd stay out of trouble, right? Forget it! This rookie continued making plans despite all of my attempts at an honest but casual relationship. A fitting end came with hysterics in the middle of Grand Central Station!



The next type to look out for is the shy, "I'm not sure" kind of rook. Once again the faggot friend brings this intelligent, very beautiful woman to your party or meeting uninvited. My rage subsided with a monologue on his rudeness, he once again started his public relations maneuvering. And one more time, I was hooked on her wonderful eyes, charm and sense of humor. She also knew and liked everything I did and we were both interested in the theatre. We are in love. I let her pass all the places my best friend never knew about. She's the kind of person you could build a tent under a table with. She's there. Or is she? This rookie is so busy changing her mind that you can't be sure which day she is a lesbian and loving you back, and which day she has decided to reside in the twilight zone! Being in love with a rookie of this sort is the most treacherous because when she is there the world is in color but when she checks out the world's in black and white and the terror of the beast rules your life. And even when it's over for good, that can last from a day to a month to anywhere in-between. There's no way of telling.

The last rookie I will describe is the one you must be the most careful with because lesbianism is truly virgin territory for them — you are their "first" and they bring with them all the beauty that an honest innocence can carry.

I've heard about this situation happening but it was a first for me. As soon as my friends heard that I was going to be the director at an overnight camp for girls I began hearing almost identical stories about mad, passionate love affairs at camp, silly little remarks that were very much off target and uncalled for as well. But I listened. This was a good job, I needed the money for school and I was willing to sacrifice a fun summer in the city to be in the woods with forty little girls and twenty grown-up women. I am not a pervert or a seductress. But I should have known! I mind my own business, do not recruit, and associate with only known homosexuals. What kind of trouble could I get into?

I have come to learn that it always starts the same way. You find someone among the staff that you can laugh easily with, have a good time and then the heavy eye contact begins. Conversation starts to get a bit too uncomfortably but harmlessly close to your summer secret. The woman is presumably straight and while you are derailing the pattern of thought she seems to be putting it right back on the track. One day the talking is over and you find yourself fooling around with the nurse in the infirmary! This variety of rookie while very cool about what's going on is also very vulnerable. They are at last able to live out being attracted to the softness and strength women-loving can be. But the problem arises when they suddenly become bombarded by the social and emotional difficulties an awkward second adolescence means. They also usually go back to their boyfriends to see how comfortable they feel in a bisexual niche. Oh yeah, rather than assume a lesbian political stance, they are always bisexual — it's *safer.* But upon discovering that the boyfriend is a man and unable to share women loving with them they come back.

Realizing how generally offensive this may all sound I suppose it is important for me to add that of course I am aware of the trauma of coming-out and I have always extended a great deal of patience and sensitivity when I have found myself placed in the position of role model. And some people may even feel that I have dealt with this condition too lightheartedly while not paying enough attention to the emotional state a new lesbian feels arriving on the scene. I felt however that the coming-out story is a bit overdone anyway and that perhaps we needed to take an easy look at the poor lesbians that have been forced by the fates to suffer the harshest blow of all . . . being attractive to the ROOKIE!

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Straight Answers About Homosexuality for Straight People **by David Loovis. Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, N.J. $8.95.**

By Eric Rogers

This is a book that insults everyone. In this book and in his earlier book, *Gay Spirit: A Guide to Becoming a Sensuous Homosexual,* David Loovis appoints himself the Dr. Rubin/Emily Post of gay life. In both books Loovis provides a severely limited view of homosexuality and an uneducated, incorrect analysis of contemporary gay life. in *Straight Answers* he insults his heterosexual readers by placing such bigoted questions as "Don't Queers Molest Children?" and "Aren't Queers Raving Sensualists?" in their mouths. He insults gay people by consistently simplifying complex issues and drawing a portrait of gay men as hedonistic, orgy-oriented penises with the emotional response of adolescents, the political awareness of infants, and the intelligence and intellect of fetuses.

Straight Answers tries to include many aspects of gay life but clearly focuses on sex and sexual games. I question whether straight people should be tuned into the fine points of fist-fucking in an introduction to homosexuality. I also question Loovis' insistence on seeing S&M as a "game" and explaining that "They (gay people) operate with elaborate equipment — one can buy dungeon appliances as readily these days as toasters — and they flog away with whips and chains and/or submit to handcuffs or ropes or chains or leather restraint harnesses. They also scream a lot, if the place is sufficiently isolated." While he certainly does cover simple sex technique and the emotions of sex, the book has a strong sensationalistic tone and stresses the more kinky although less common sexual practices.

The book's sociological analysis is equally limited. Loovis is writing not about homosexuals but about piss-elegant upper middle-class homos who spend their time romping from P'Town to Cherry Grove to Palm Beach. There is no indication that Loovis knows any other kind of gay people and it is a mistake for him to pass off his limited viewpoint as gospel. In this way, *Straight Answers* is as biased and insulting as Dr. Rubin's answers. But because he's a gay man, one would assume that Loovis would be more responsible and provide greater insights than Rubin.

The book itself makes difficult reading. In an attempt to affect an intellectual, superior tone, the author becomes verbose and often throws adjectives around until they lose definition. The organization of the book is also haphazard, with a chapter of rather boring autobiography placed at the center of the book. The very last chapter of the book, after "The Super-Rich Gay Scene" and "Camp Humor" touches on politics. Needless to say, Loovis' analysis of gay oppression does not go beyond the bed and the bible and his vision of gay political action is limited to NGTF and David Goodstein's *Advocate* editorials.

One is left to wonder about the title of the book. We do get *Straight* answers but they are incorrect and oversimplified. And as for the book being for *straight* people, it only seems to validate all the fears and stereotypes many of them hold.

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30, 5'10", 196 lbs. Black hair and eyes. Would like someone to write. Johnny Johnson, 009095. Cell #23-3204, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (7)

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organizations

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MONDAYS

12 noon — Northeastern U. GSO meeting, Ell Center, rm. 349, 360 Huntington Ave., Boston. Everyone welcome.
5:30 pm — Women's Community Health Center open house, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge.
6-10pm — NH Lambda for Lesbians, phone (603) 228-8543.
6:30-8pm — Alcoholism discussion/education group for lesbians, Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1145 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA, 661-1316
6:30-8:30 pm — Gay Health Services by appointment, Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St., Boston, 267-7573.
7pm — Gay alcoholics group, 10 Walnut St., Worcester, MA
7-9 pm — U. of Vermont Gay Switchboard, 656-4173.
7-10 pm — UMass Gay Women's Caucus Hotline, 545-3438.
7-9 pm — Yggdrasil Gay Gathering at Yggdrasil, 15 Gilbert Rd., Storrs, CT, (203) 486-4737.
7:30 pm — UMass Amherst, Bisexual Women's Rap Group, Campus Center.
8 pm — Lesbian Rap and Action Group, Cambridge Women's Center basement, (617) 354-8807.
8 pm — Lesbian Rap at Women's Center, 215 Park St., NH.
8 pm — GPC business meeting, Columbia U., Furnald Basement, Broadway at 115th St.
8-9 pm — "None of the Above," WWUH-FM (91.3), West Hartford, CT, (203) 521-4553.
8 pm — Lesbian Rap at Women's Center, 148 Orange St., New Haven, CT.
8:30 pm — Hartford Gay Alcoholics Group, (203) 522-2646.
8:30 pm — Gay Alliance at Yale, open meeting, basement Hendrie Hall, 165 Elm St., New Haven, 436-8945; public welcome.
9 pm — Gay discussion group, Columbia U., Furnald basement, Broadway at 115th St.

TUESDAYS

9 am-2:30 pm — Brown U. Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House, Providence, RI, 863-3062.
1 pm — MCC Campus Ministry, RIC Student U., rm 312, Providence, RI.
4:30-9:30 — MCC open hours with M. Hougen, drop-in center, 2 Wellington St., Worcester, MA
8:30-8 pm — Women's Gay Collective, Women's Center, UConn, CT, (203) 486-4738
7 pm — Pot Luck Supper, 228½ Atwells Ave., Providence, RI.
7:30 pm — DOB women's rap, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA, 661-3633.
8 pm — Springfield Gay Alliance, First Unitarian Church, 245 Porter Lake Dr., Springfield.
8 pm — Martha's Vineyard gay women and men rap group, info call 627-5370.
8:30 pm — Providence Gay Group of AA, Assumption Parish Hall, 791 Potters Ave., Providence, RI, 231-5853.

WEDNESDAYS

9 am — "Gay News" radio on WHUS-FM, (91.7), Storrs, CT.
11 am — Gay discussion group of Drop-In Center of Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill, MA; open to everyone.
12:30-2 pm — UMass/Boston Gay People's Group, Bldg. 010, rm. 4-178.
6-10pm — NH Lambda for lesbians, phone (603) 228-8543
6:30-8:30 pm — Gay Health Services, Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St, Boston, 267-7573.
7 pm — Lesbian Support Group, UNH Women's Center, Durham, NH.
7 pm — Liberation Rap Group, (617) 756-0730.
7 pm — Framingham Unicorn Society meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday; Box 163, Framingham, MA 01701.
7-9 pm — GRAC Volleyball on Fenway (b'tween rose garden and baseball diamond), Boston.
7-10 pm — Gay Women's Collective, UConn Women's Center, (203) 486-4738.
7-9 pm — University of Vermont Gay Switchboard, (802) 656-4173.
8 pm — Nashua, NH Area Gays rap session, call Ken (603) 673-5315 or Doug, 882-8732.
8-10 pm — Harvard-Radcliffe GSA meeting, Phillips Brooks House, 2nd floor, Harvard Yard, Cambridge, MA, 498-2111.
8 pm — Discussion group for lesbians and gay men, Christ Church, 20 Carroll St., Poughkeepsie, NY.
8 pm — HUM meets, Box 262, Fitchburd, MA 01420.
8 pm — Yalesbians meeting, rm. B-8, Hendrie Hall, 165 Elm St., New Haven, CT, 436-8945.
8-9 pm — GRAC women's basketball, Lindemann Center, Hurley Bldg., Staniford St., Boston.
8:30 pm — Gay-straight Rap, UConn, Mental Health Clinic, (203) 486-4705.
9-12 pm — Gay Social, Columbia U., Furnald Basement, Broadway at 115th St.
10:15 pm — "Gaybreak Radio" on WMUA-FM (91.1) (1st and 3rd Wednesdays).
10:15 pm — "Gay News" radio on WHUS-FM, (91.7), Storrs, CT.

THURSDAYS

9 am-2:30 pm — Brown U. Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House, Providence, RI, 863-3062.
3:30 pm — UMass/Amherst, Gay Male Rap Group, Cottage B, near Worcester Dining Common.
5 pm — Brandeis Gay Alliance, Usdan Student Ctr., Conf. Rm. C, Brandeis U., Waltham, MA.
7 pm — Gay Alcoholics, St. Vincents Hospital, Worcester, MA.
7 pm — Game Night, 5 Junction St., Providence, RI, alternate weeks.
7-9 pm — GRAC swimming at Lindemann Center, Staniford St., Boston; Instruction from 8-9.
7-10 pm — UMass Gay Women's Caucus Hotline, 545-3438.
7:30 pm — Peoples Gay Alliance, UMass/Amherst, 8th floor of Campus Center.
8 pm — Capital Dist. Gay Comm. Council, 332 Hudson Ave., Albany, NY 12210.
8 pm — Dykes & Tykes, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge, MA, third floor, care for young people, 354-8807.
8 pm — KALOS, Hartford, CT, 568-2656.
8-9:30 pm — Gay Alliance at UConn in Commons, rm 312.
8-9 pm — Lesbian Mother rap group, 21 Bay St., Cambridge, MA, 861-2537.
8-12pm — NH Lambda for lesbians, phone (603) 332-4440.
8:15 pm — Drinking problems rap group, HCHS, 80 Boylston St., rm. 855, Boston.
8:30 pm — Gay Women's Caucus, UMass/Amherst, 8th floor of Campus Center.
8:30 pm — Gay Alliance at Yale, Hendrie Hall basement, 436-8945, New Haven, CT.
9 pm — Emerson Homophile Society, rm. 24, 96 Beacon St., Boston.

FRIDAYS

7-9 pm — GRAC men's basketball, Lindemann Center, Hurley Bldg., Staniford St., Boston.
7:30pm — Am Tikva service, social at Frost Lounge, Ell Center, Northeastern Univ., 360 Huntington Ave., Boston
7:30 pm — Rap group for men and women, MGTF, 193 Middle St., Portland, ME.
7:30 pm — Lesbian Feminist Workshop, 21 Bay St., Cambridge, MA, info call 783-9415.
7:30 pm — Gay get-together, downstairs roundroom, Billings Center, U of VT, Burlington.
8-11 pm — Berkshire Community Gay Coalition, Unitarian Church, Wendell Ave., Pittsfield, MA, (413) 442-7033.
8 pm-12 — Brown U. Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House, Providence, RI, 863-3062.
8 pm — East Conn. Gay Alliance, 889-7530.
8 pm — "Somewhere Coffeehouse," MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St., Hartford.
8:30 pm — Alcoholics Together, Our Lady of Victory Church, Isabella St., Boston.
9-12 pm — GAY coffeehouse, Hendrie Hall basement, 165 Elm St., New Haven, CT.

SATURDAYS

2 pm — Teenage Lesbian group at Janus, 21 Bay St., Cambridge, MA, 661-2537.
2 pm — GRAC soccer at Boston Common, Beacon-Charles Sts.
2 pm — Project Lambda Rap session for gay teenagers, 70 Charles St., Boston.
8 pm-12 — Brown U. Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House, Providence, RI, 863-3062.
10 pm-3 am — Worcester Hotline, 791-6562.

SUNDAYS

10:30 am — "Closet Space," WCAS-AM (740).
11 am — Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 West 14th St., NYC.
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2 pm — MCC/Worcester service, Central Cong. Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester.
2-4 pm — GRAC swimming at Lindemann Center, Staniford St., Boston.
2:30 pm — "Gay A's" Alcoholics Rap, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.
2:30 pm — Gay AA, 11 Amity St., Hartford, CT.
4-6 pm — Gay Women's Group of Providence rap, (401) 831-5184.
5 pm — Dignity/Integrity Mass, St. Luke's Church, 17 S. Fitzhugh St., Rochester, NY.
5 pm — Softball for women, Charlesbank Field nea Museum of Science, Boston.
5 pm — MCC/Boston Bible study group, 131 Cambridge St., 523-7664.
5:30 pm — Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston.
6:30 pm — Gay Church Services, 23 Franklin St., Bangor, ME.
7 pm — Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 West 14th St., NYC.
7 pm — MCC services, South Church, 292 State St., Portsmouth, NH (first Sunday of month).
7 pm — MCC/Albany, NY, 332 Hudson Ave. (except first Sunday of month at 6 pm).
7 pm — MCC/NY worship, 201 W. 13th St. (corner of 7th Ave.).
7 pm — MCC/Boston, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.
7 pm — Church of the Eternal Flame Universal, 320 Farmington Ave., Apt. A-6, Hartford, CT.
7:30 pm — MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St., Hartford, CT.
7:30 pm — "Come Out Tonight," radio WYBC-FM (94.3), New Haven, CT.
8 pm-12 — Brown U. Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House, Providence, RI, 863-3062.

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29 mon

Boston — Benefit for Gay Legislation at House Restaurant's Delivery Entrance, 12 Wilton St., Allston, 9pm-1am.

Boston — Haircutting benefit for Gay Community News at Salon de Jon, 80 Charles St., 4-8pm, with each $12 cut you receive a free plant from Greenleaf Florist, refreshments, info call 742-0210.

Boston — Gay youth meeting at Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., discuss "Dealing with Parents," 6:30-9:30pm.

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Cambridge, MA — DOB women's discussion, Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave., 7:30pm, refreshments.

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NYC — Gay People at Columbia Dance at 304 Earl Hall Center, 117th St. East on Broadway, Columbia Univ., 9pm, $2.50.

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Boston — Free VD testing at Club Baths, LaGrange St., 10pm-1am.

6 tue

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis women's discussion, 7:30 at Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave.

NYC — Ass'n of Gay Social Workers meeting, contact Ron Ginsberg, 345 West 21st St., Apt. 1-A, NYC 243-8683.

NYC — West Side Discussion Group hosts political candidates discussing Gay Rights issues, 37 Ninth Ave. at 14th St., 8pm, $2 donation.

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Cambridge, MA — DOB business meeting to plan fundraisers and social events, all women welcome, 8pm, Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave.

10 sat

NYC — Disco Dance sponsored by MCC-NY and WSDG at 37 Ninth Ave. (corner 14th St.), 9pm, $2 donation.

Norway, ME — Maine Gay Men Hike, meet at 10am at 8 Water St., bring picnic lunch and comfortable footwear.

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